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Email: MConnors@gc-law.com**FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION****TO:** USPTO**FROM:** Matthew E. Connors**ATTN:** Examiner Ahluwalia**FAX NO:** 571-273-8300  
571-273-5636**DATE:** May 8, 2007**RE:** U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 10/616,369  
SEARCH SUPPORTING APPARATUS, SEARCH SUPPORTING SYSTEM  
OPERATION INSTRUCTING TERMINAL, SEARCH SUPPORTING METHOD,  
AND OPERATION INSTRUCTING SYSTEM  
Our File: 7138**NO. OF PAGES TO FOLLOW:** 2**REMARKS:**

Dear Examiner Ahluwalia:

Further to our telephone conversation, attached please find the following:

1. Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form
2. Interview Notes.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,  
Matthew E. Connors

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## Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/616,369 First Named Applicant: Nobuo Osaka  
 Examiner: Navneet Ahluwalia Art Unit: 2166 Status of Application: Non-Final OA  
02/21/2007

## Tentative Participants:

(1) Matthew E. Connors (2) Ram Soundararajan  
 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Date of Interview: 05/10/2007 Proposed Time: 11 AM (AM/PM)

## Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☐ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

## Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rejection</u>	<u>14, 15, 16, 19</u>	<u>2003/0195008 (Mohi)</u> <u>2002/0121969 (Joao)</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Continuation Sheet Attached					

## Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

See Attached Sheet.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_.

**NOTE:** This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

Matthew E. Connors  
 Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Examiner/SPE Signature

Matthew E. Connors  
 Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

33,298  
 Registration Number, if applicable

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### INTERVIEW NOTES

1. With respect to independent CLAIM 14's feature of "means for carrying out processing to make it impossible to refer to information concerning a sought person included in the operation instruction content stored in the storage section, in accordance with an instruction acquired from the instruction center", the Examiner has cited paragraphs 20 and 23 of Mohi as teaching such a feature. Applicants wish to clarify in the interview that the cited paragraphs merely teach features usable in the controller such as "a history of the position of the rover, showing the height and velocity of the rover and other useful information". Paragraph 59 of Mohi specifically expands on "useful information" as "controller unit to rover unit distance, rover unit velocity, rover unit height relative to the controller unit, the time at which the rover unit's data was ascertained and the rover unit's coordinate system location such as latitude, longitude and elevation." Applicants wish to utilize the interview to clarify that such "useful information" CANNOT be interpreted to read on Applicants' feature of denying information concerning a sought person included in the operation instruction content stored in the storage area in accordance with an instruction acquired from the instruction center.
2. With respect to independent CLAIM 15's feature of "means for setting the search supporting devices to be capable of requesting the center side device for information concerning the sought person only when the search instruction is received", the Examiner has cited paragraph 59 as reading on such a feature. Applicant wishes to utilize the interview to clarify to the Examiner that the above-detailed paragraph 59 merely details paragraph 23's "useful information" and makes NO mention of a device capable of requesting information concerning the sought person only when the search instruction is received.
3. With respect to independent CLAIMS 16 and 19, Applicants wish to utilize the interview to clarify to the Examiner that Joao's feature of utilizing a security code to access a device (as disclosed in Paragraphs 261 and 266) CANNOT be interpreted to read on Applicants' features of disclosable "security levels" wherein, as the search manager approaches closer to the sought person, sought person information having higher security levels are provided. Paragraphs 261 and 266, in Joao's own words, deal with denying "unauthorized access to the apparatus" and NOT with disclosing security levels based on a search manager approaching closer to the sought person.